

# December Job Postings 2019-2020 Comparison



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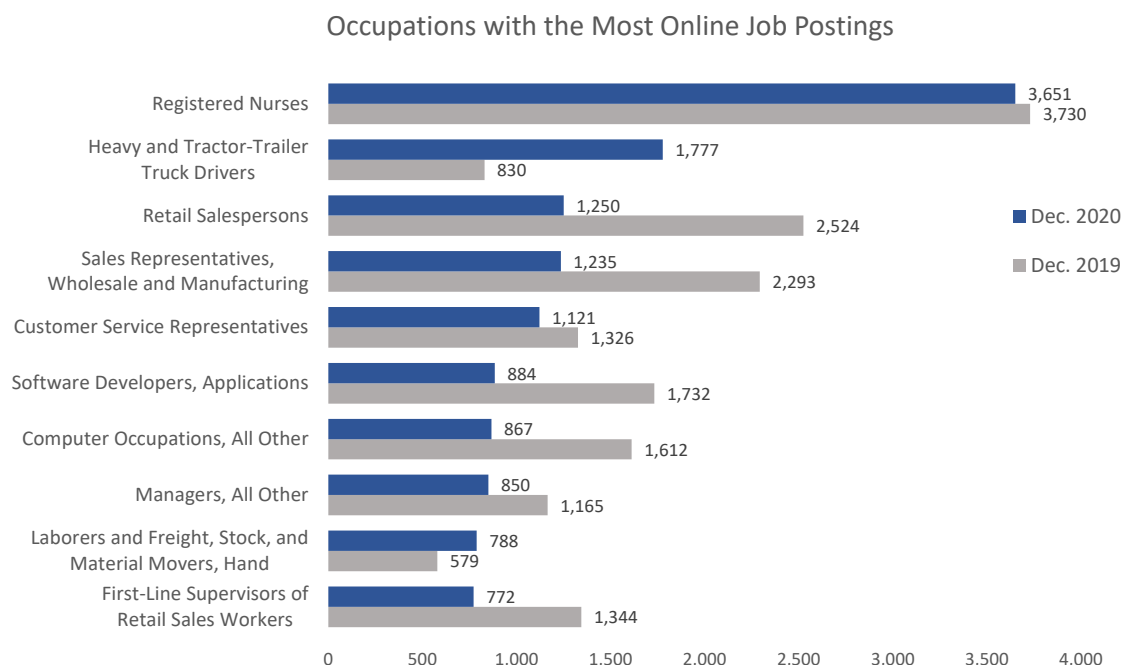
## Job Demand during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented changes in the job market. Unemployment rates spiked to record highs as businesses shut down to prevent the spread of the virus. However, even during the economic uncertainty, some employers posted job ads. As workforce needs change across the state, it is important to know which occupations and industries are in demand to help displaced workers find new career paths.

In December 2020, there were 45,649 online job postings, compared to 57,077 in December 2019, representing a 25 percent decrease. Job postings have decreased while the number of unemployed Missourians has increased. In December 2020, there were 3.9 unemployed Missourians for every job posting. In December 2019, there were only 1.9 unemployed Missourians for every posting.

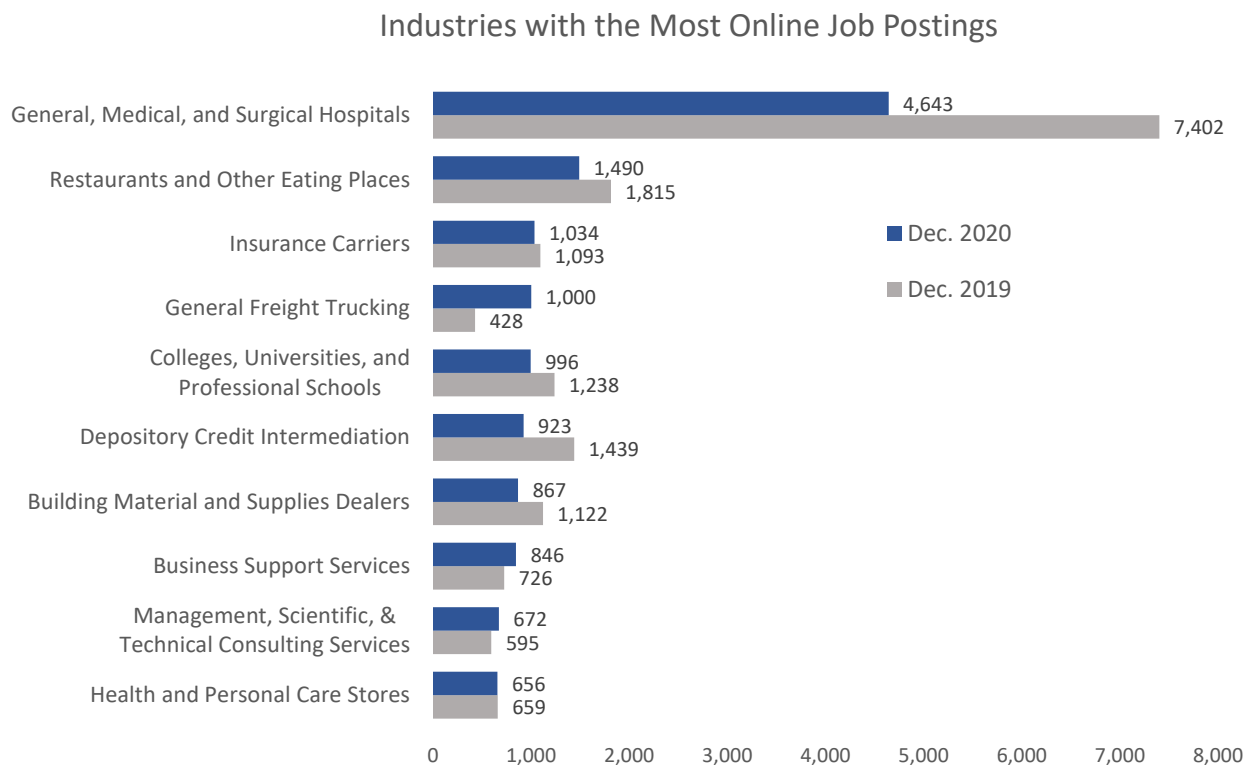
## Top Occupations

The chart below shows the top 10 occupations with the most job postings in December 2020, compared to the number of job postings in December 2019. Continuing the trend from the last four months, job ads for *Laborers and Material Movers* and *Truck Drivers* increased over the year. Postings for *Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers* increased 53 percent while postings for *Laborers and Material Movers* increased 27 percent from December 2019 to December 2020. While postings for *Registered Nurses* were similar to last year, all of the other top 10 occupations showed large decreases from last year.



## Top Industries

The chart below shows the industries with the most job postings in December 2020, compared to December 2019. Although *Hospitals* had the most online job postings, it showed the largest over-the-year decrease with postings 59 percent lower than they were in December 2019. *Depository Credit Intermediation* also showed a large decrease of 56 percent. *General Freight Trucking* showed the largest over-the-year increase, with postings increasing by 57 percent compared to last year.



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